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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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The European Communities are ready for their summit meeting, but eventual entry of the UK still depends on the French. (Page 2)

The UN may have its choice of CBW resolutions-- Swedish, Canadian, and Soviet. (Page 3)

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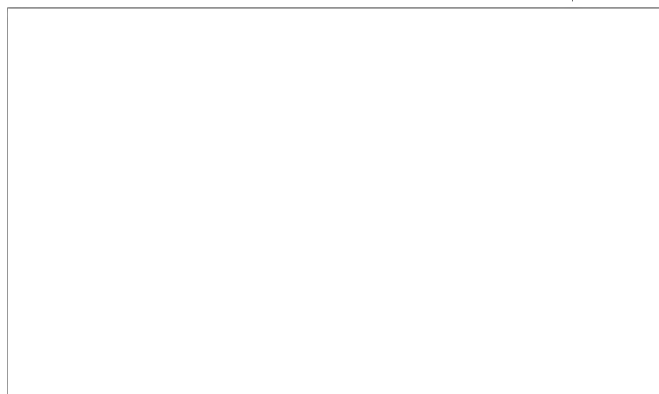
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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The leaders of the member states of the European Communities open their long-awaited summit meeting Monday in The Hague. Among the topics to be discussed are the internal strengthening of the Communities, the possibility of their enlargement, and the relationship between the two.

The French have dropped their veto on UK entry, but are insisting on a "definitive" agricultural financing agreement, complete with provisions for vetoing changes, before the opening of negotiations with London. Other members may be unwilling to go along all the way with this French condition, but the French may demonstrate some flexibility.

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The governors of the central banks of the EC countries are proposing a mechanism whereby member states facing balance-of-payments difficulties would be able to obtain credits for a period of up to three months. The total credit line to be available--three billion dollars, plus additional back-up credits of the same amount--is far greater than most observers had expected.

This forward movement on the so-called Barre Plan comes in the wake of French devaluation and German revaluation, both of which emphasized the necessity for closer economic coordination.

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UN - ARMS CONTROL

Alva Myrdal, the chief Swedish disarmament expert at the UN, told the US mission that her government will continue to push its draft resolution on chemical and biological warfare. The proposal would have the General Assembly condemn all CBW agents, including tear gas and herbicides. Sweden has been successful in securing backing on this issue from most of the other nonaligned nations represented at the Geneva disarmament talks.

The Canadians are considering a blending of their draft resolution on CBW with that of the USSR. The result would include a provision requesting the Geneva conferees to conduct urgent negotiations aimed at reaching agreement on a convention prohibiting the development, production, and stockpiling of CBW agents and requiring the destruction of existing weapons in that field. By approving such a provision, the Assembly would be supporting the CBW initiative Foreign Minister Gromyko sketched at the UN last September.

The several CBW resolutions will probably come up for voting in about two weeks and will cause acrimonious debate.

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Pakistan: Suspicions that President Yahya Khan intends to retain power indefinitely may be reduced, at least temporarily, by his announcement yesterday that national elections will be held on 5 October 1970. Restrictions on normal political activity, in effect since martial law was imposed in March, are to be removed by the end of this year. West Pakistan, administered as a unified state in recent years, will be split into ethnic and linguistic provinces in response to minority demands for an end to Punjabi domination. Yahya's specific acceptance of the one man - one vote formula for elections meets a long-standing demand from more populous East Pakistan.

USSR - Far East: A new civil air agreement with Malaysia, which--according to Reuters--was signed on 27 November for implementation next year, adds Kuala Lumpur to the cities served by Aeroflot's Moscow - New Delhi - Singapore route. Djakarta and Colombo are also served by Aeroflot, and discussions for landing rights are now going on with Thailand and Cambodia.

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